

# Fans Concerned Over Walter Johnson's Condition: Jimmy Spencer Resigns as Golf Club Pro

## ALL PULLING FOR HIM TO REGAIN OLD FORM

Billy Evans Believes Pitching Marvel of Nationals, Stopped by Ailment Last Season, Will Prove Winner This Year.

BY BILLY EVANS.

WHAT about Walter Johnson? Is he through or will he be able to pitch next year? That query has been put to me many times since the close of the season.

Walter Johnson, one of the finest characters ever to grace base ball, naturally is the idol of fandom. His popularity is not confined to the city he represents in the major leagues, Washington, but extends over the United States. Wherever his name is known the name of Walter Johnson always arouses admiration. Hence, it is to be expected that fandom should be interested in his chances to regain his old-time form.

The season of 1920 was an extraordinary one for Johnson in many ways. Although a veteran, he always is at the top of his game in the spring, and it seemed last season to be no exception. He looked good for a time, then contracted a cold that settled in his back and interfered with his work.

Seemingly Reggie's side in which he was considerably off his game he seemed to get back into his stride. As a matter of fact, he pitched a no-run game against Boston. If memory serves me correctly, only one man reached first base in the game. In the infield, it was a perfectly pitched and almost perfectly played game.

Shortly after his no-hit feat, a performance which is the ambition of every pitcher, he was again off his stride. He was the first for Johnson, he began to have a little trouble with his arm. The trouble seemed to be a strain in the arm, which was given to him by the pitcher. It was finally decided that absolute rest was best, so Johnson was sent home for a long stay. I understand he felt so good near the close of the season that he was eager to return and give the arm a thorough tryout. However, it was deemed best that he reserve the test until 1921, believing the additional rest through the winter would prove all the more beneficial.

It is my belief that Johnson will win many a ball game for Washington next season. I cannot reconcile myself to the belief that he is through. Perhaps the thought that the game can so ill afford to lose players of the Johnson type makes me the more certain. I am bound to do a come-back, I worked a number of ball games back of Walter last year, and he showed me too much stuff in those games to make me believe his good old right arm has lost its "twist," as Nick Atkinson puts it.

Just how serious the trouble really was with his pitching arm, I really do not know. I was as surprised as any one when I learned he was out of the game with a sore arm. Johnson has always taken such wonderful care of his arm that I am sure he will be able to prove him in good stead. Unless his arm suffered an unusually severe strain and he is unable to continue to pitch good ball for the Nationals, I rest my case. The tone of the Washington fans has given him the opportunity to recuperate. The moment he started ailing, the owners of the club had almost all selfishness and declared Ray to be the strongest and clearest of the club in Baltimore in many a day.

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### New Orleans Results

First race, two-year-olds; three furlongs—Lord Allen, 3 to 2; 1 to 2; 1 to 5; second, Adventure, 4 to 1; 2 to 1; 3 to 1; third, Time, 1:34 1/2. Scratched—Margaret, Eldora and Adam Wolf.

Second race, claiming; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs—Tingo, 12 to 1; 5 to 1; 3 to 1; second, Hidden Jewel, 8 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:30 1/2. Scratched—Jack Scott, Kate Faley, Sandalwood, Lieut. Perkins, Frol and Tan Son.

Third race, Sunday South handicap; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs—Mahony, 8 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Columbo, 10 to 1; 5 to 1; 3 to 1; third, Time, 1:30 1/2. Scratched—Archie Alexander, 10 to 1; 5 to 1; 3 to 1.

Fourth race, Old Town handicap; three-year-olds and up; mile and sixteenth—Yeo, 2 to 1; 1 to 1; 1 to 1; second, Parader, 3 to 2; even; 1 to 1; third, Time, 1:48 3/4. All go.

Fifth race, Seminoles purse; three-year-olds and up; mile and sixteenth—Tingo, 12 to 1; 5 to 1; 3 to 1; second, Tantalus, 6 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:30 1/2. Scratched—Day of Peace, Nagamora and Title.

Sixth race, claiming; four-year-olds and up; mile and a quarter—Nominie, 10 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Phil, 15 to 1; 8 to 1; 4 to 1; third, Time, 2:06 1/2. Scratched—Sandy Mae, Warlike and Brookland.

Seventh race, claiming; four-year-olds and up; mile and sixteenth—St. Isidore, 6 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Pale Orient, 5 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:48. Scratched—Mark West, Searchlight, Glen Aale, Lass, Clanger, W. W. Dark Hill, Cheer Leader and Snop Dragon.

### New Orleans Entries

First race, purse, \$1,000; maiden two-year-olds and geldings; three furlongs—Tom Hare, Jr., 114; Somo, 114; Bull Butters, 109; Happy Dutton, 114; Cornstalk, 114; Stamp, 114; Duddy Wolf, 114.

Second race, purse, \$1,000; maiden three-year-olds; six furlongs—Summit, 114; Domingo, 114; John Arber, 114; Margerie M., 109; Outcut, 109; Lady Frappe, 109; Volcanic, 114; Lecardo, 114; Obstinat, 109; Dora W., 102.

Third race, purse, \$1,000; claiming; for three-year-olds and up; mile and sixteenth—Bantry, 109; Tony Sarton, 101; Miss Minks, 108; American Kid, 104; Abaze, 102; Pullet, 101; atown, 109; Murphy, 110; atown, 109; atown, 114; Anna's Del, 102.

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Fifth race, Old Glory purse, \$1,000; five-year-olds and up; mile and sixteenth—St. Isidore, 6 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Pale Orient, 5 to 1; 3 to 1; 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:48. Scratched—Mark West, Searchlight, Glen Aale, Lass, Clanger, W. W. Dark Hill, Cheer Leader and Snop Dragon.

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Second race, five and one-half furlongs; for four-year-olds and up; mile and sixteenth—Wright, 2 to 1; 1 to 1; 1 to 1; second, Agreite, 4 to 1; 2 to 1; 1 to 1; third, Time, 1:21 1/2. Scratched—Finch, Dora Gracie, Elga, Gray Hump and Cy Card.

Third race, five and one-half furlongs; for four-year-olds and up; mile and sixteenth—Zindo, even; 2 to 1; 1 to 1; 1 to 1; second, Lucie May, 3 to 1; even; 1 to 1; third, Time, 1:12 1/2. Scratched—Koran, Wilfreda, Sister Sule, out of the W. All Agion, Brother McLean and Gus Scher.

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Seventh race, one mile and fifty yards; for four-year-olds and up; claiming—Attorney Murr, even; 1 to 1; 1 to 1; 1 to 1; second, Plana, 3 to 1; even; 1 to 1; 1 to 1; third, Time, 1:51. Scratched—Rhindanes and Constantine.

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First race, six furlongs; for three-year-olds and up; claiming; purse, \$700—Miss Ditzie, 8 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Helen Lucas, 9 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; third, Time, 1:30 1/2. Scratched—Fiske, 104; Thompson, 104; Edith K., 104; Paddy J., Hogan, 104; Superior, 104; Pullet, 107; Pokey B., 107; James G., 109; Tom King, 117.

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Sixth race, mile and one-sixteenth; for four-year-olds and up; claiming; purse, \$700—American Kid, 8 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Hattie, 109; Pokey B., 107; James G., 109; Tom King, 117.

Seventh race, mile and fifty yards; for four-year-olds and up; claiming; purse, \$700—American Kid, 8 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Hattie, 109; Pokey B., 107; James G., 109; Tom King, 117.

Eighth race, one and one-eighth miles; for three-year-olds and up; American Club handicap; \$3,000 added—(all fairs, 8 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, 10 to 1; 5 to 1; 3 to 1; third, Time, 2:00 1/2. Scratched—(a) Pastoureaux, 100; (b) La Luckawana, 100; (c) Grandy, 100; (d) Mumbo Jumbo, 115; (e) Bradman, 116; (f) Goldfate estate, (b) Anna's Del, 102.

Ninth race, mile and one-sixteenth; for four-year-olds and up; claiming; purse, \$700—American Kid, 8 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Hattie, 109; Pokey B., 107; James G., 109; Tom King, 117.

Tenth race, mile and fifty yards; for four-year-olds and up; claiming; purse, \$700—American Kid, 8 to 1; 4 to 1; 2 to 1; second, Hattie, 109; Pokey B., 107; James G., 109; Tom King, 117.

## SEVERAL SEEKING BERTH WITH CLUB AT JEWELL

BY WALTER R. MCALLUM.

JIMMY SPENCER, professional golfer attached to the Washington Golf and Country Club for the past year, has resigned his position at the Jewell, Va., club, the greens committee announced last night. His place has not been filled and may not be for several weeks, although there are several applicants for the job.

Spencer's plans are known only to himself. He came to the Washington Golf and Country Club last winter from Hampton roads, where he had been stationed for two years. Spencer formerly was professional at the Town and Country Club here. An Englishman by birth, Spencer has made a name for himself as one of the steady golfers among the pros here. Over the Virginia course he has had a 65 and has been around in 66 and 67 very frequently.

Recent articles in New York newspapers declare that many of the professionals are "peevish" over the award of the open championship to the Columbia Country Club. Whether this is so or not, we do not know, but several professionals have gone through Washington in the past week and every one thinks that a better course has been found than the Howard Beckett of Atlanta, Ga., said. No action has been taken by the board of governors of the Chevy Chase Club on a proposal for building a new course across Wisconsin avenue west of the present links.

## NAVY DEFEATS RUTGERS

Midshipman Basketers Play Best Game of Season in Winning by 38 to 13.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., January 15.—Winning from Rutgers here this afternoon, 38 to 13, the Naval Academy basketers struck the fastest pace of the season. It was the eighth straight victory for the